

# JOPLIN

# **POLICE**

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## **UPDATE #2**

The accident occurred at 6:47 PM on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The correct spelling of the victim's name is Micayla Christenson.

## **UPDATE #1**

The victim in this fatal crash has been identified as 18 year old Micayla Christensen of Joplin. Witnesses state that the victim fell into the traffic lane and into the side of a westbound tractor trailer. The driver of the truck stopped and cooperated fully at the scene. The investigation is ongoing.

## **NEWS RELEASE-Fatal Crash**

At 6:47 PM on Monday, December 7th, The Joplin Police Department received a call of a traffic crash at 7th and Winfield. A pedestrian was struck by a westbound vehicle and pronounced dead at a local hospital. The names of the involved are not being released at this time, pending notification of family. The roadway has been re-opened to traffic. The incident is still under investigation by the Joplin Police Department Major Crash Team.

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